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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE NEED FOR AND FEASIBILITY OF A FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN
ALOHA TOWER MARKETPLACE AND SAND ISLAND STATE RECREATION
AREA.

1 WHEREAS, there are a number of businesses on Sand Island
2 that employ workers who commute daily from other areas of Oahu,
3 including the East and Windward areas of Oahu; and
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5 WHEREAS, Sand Island Access Road is the only roadway that
6 provides access to Sand Island, which leads to traffic
7 congestion and delays and is burdensome to the many employees
8 who commute daily to Sand Island; and
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10 WHEREAS, a ferry service that provides transportation
11 between Aloha Tower Marketplace and Sand Island State Recreation
12 Area would alleviate the traffic strain on Sand Island Access
13 Road, improve the commute for employees who work on Sand Island
14 by providing an alternate transportation option, and encourage
15 more tourism activity in Sand Island State Recreation Area; and
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17 WHEREAS, increased tourism activity in Sand Island State
18 Recreation Area may result in an increased need for upgraded
19 facilities, including concessions; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
22 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the
23 Department of Transportation, in consultation with the
24 Department of Land and Natural Resources, City and County of
25 Honolulu, Hawai'i Pacific University, and interested
26 stakeholders, is requested to conduct a study on the need for
27 and feasibility of a ferry service between Aloha Tower
28 Marketplace and Sand Island State Recreation Area; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
31 Transportation is requested to consider the potential costs,
32 financing options, and parameters of the ferry service; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
2 Transportation is requested to consider the impact the ferry
3 service would have on tourism in Sand Island State Recreation
4 Area, including whether upgraded facilities and concessions
5 would be desirable; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
8 Transportation is requested to submit its findings and
9 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
10 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
11 the Regular Session of 2020; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,
15 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of
16 the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Honolulu
17 City Council, and President of Hawai'i Pacific University.
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